buildings. A special team headed by the Superintendent of Police (Operation), Jammu has been constituted to investigate these incidents. Rs. 1 lakh each has been sanctioned as ex-gratia relief to those killed in the explosion and Rs. 5000/- and Rs. 10,000/- to those who were injured keeping in view the grievousness of injuries.

(c) Government is aware of the designs of ISI of Pakistan to carry out espionage, subversion and sabotages in India in a clandestine manner and is taking all necessary steps to combat and frustrate such objectives by gearing up the intelligence machinery, sharing of intelligence and coordinated action by the concerned Central and State agencies, strengthening the deployment of paramilitary forces at strategic locaions, intensified coastal as well^ as inland patrolling, construction of border fencing and flood-lighting in vulnerable stretches of the Indo-Pak border.

**Allotment of petrol pumps**

2247. SHRI BHUPINDER SINGH MANN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how Many petrol pumps have been allotted during the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) what was ratio of the increase in consumption of petrol and the number of petrol pumps issued/allotted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) During the last three years, 1271 RO dealorships have been allotted throughout the country.

(b) The percentage growth in the sale of petrol and diesel and the increase in the number of retail outlets in operation during the last three years has been as under:

| | Petrol | Diesel | R.O. |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 0.6 | 7.1 | 0.4 |
| 1993-94 | 6.6 | 6.5 | 1.4 |
| | 8.2 | 9.3 | 4 |

It may, however, be mentioned that increase in the number of outlets is not directly proportional to the growth in the sale of petrol/diesel.

**Allocation of Kerosene to Maharashtra**

2248. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:—

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has represented that the present allocation of kerosene of 1,63,586 KLS per month is totally inadequate for the PDS system in Maharashtra; and

(b) whether Government will increase it to 1,94,000 KLS per month as requested by Government of Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) kerosene is allocated to the States/UTs on historical basis, i.e., based on the past consumption. Requests are received from State Government for additional allocation of kerosene from time to time. Request was also received from the Government of Maharashtra. But, on account of constraints - of product availability, foreign exchange and heavy subsidy involved', it is not possible to meet the full demand of the States. Nevertheless, a 3% increase was made in the allocation of kerosene for the country as a whole during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 over the previous year, wherein additional quantities were allocated more to the states/UTs having less per capita consumption and *vice versa.* Accordingly an additional allocation of 15125 MTs has been made to Maharashtra for the year